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1. THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
FREDERICK NIEMI, THE FINNISH CONSUL IN CHICAGO, CONCERNING
YOUR VISIT TO THAT CITY. MR. NIEMI SAYS THAT THREE GROUPS
ARE INTERESTED IN CO-SPONSORING YOUR PUBLIC APPEARANCE.
THESE ARE THE FINNISH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE
CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE CLUB. AN AUDIENCE OF 150-200 COULD BE
EXPECTED. THE DATES PREFERRED BY THE CO-HOSTS AND THEIR
ORDER ARE: (1) JANUARY 27, (2) JANUARY 20, (3) FEBRUARY 1.
THE GROUPS ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO KNOW THE DATE WHICH YOU
CHOOSE AND THE SUBJECT OF YOUR SPEECH SO THAT THEY MAY PRO-
CEED WITH INVITATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. THE SPONSORS
WILL PAY YOUR TRAVEL EXPENSES FROM WASHINGTON TO CHICAGO
AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

2. THE SALT LAKE CITY ROTARY TELLS US THAT THEIR PROGRAMS
FOR JANUARY ARE ALREADY PLANNED AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO HOST A SPEECH BY YOU UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR.
THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PAY YOUR AIR FARE TO SALT LAKE
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3. WE ARE NOW CALLING THE SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA ROTARY
REGARDING THEIR INVITATION TO YOU. KISSINGER

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